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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Fukumura *et al.*

09/720,979

Appl. No: 09/720,979 (U.S. National Stage of
PCT/JP99/03552)

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For: **Negative-Sense RNA Virus Vector for
Nerve Cell**

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: to be assigned

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Second Preliminary AmendmentAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully
request the following amendments:

Amendments***In the Specification:***

On page 7, please replace the paragraph at lines 8-12 with the following
paragraph:

Figure 1 schematically shows a method for constructing the replication competent
SeV comprising a foreign gene, such as for GFP or β -glucuronidase. Using primer 1
(SEQ ID NO:1), which has a *NotI* site, and primer 2 (SEQ ID NO:2), which comprises, a
transcription termination signal (R2), an intervening sequence (IG), a transcription
initiation sequence (R1) and a *NotI* site, the ORF of a foreign gene is amplified by PCR
and inserted into the *NotI* site of pUC18/T7HVJRz.DNA (+18) (SEQ ID NO:3).